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THE STORY OF THE WONDER BABE'S BIRTH

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, *** to the city of David

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

The Roman ruler had ordered a decree that all citizens should return to their birthplace and there register in order that a tax might be levied from each one. This includes Joseph and Mary. They had started from their home in Nazareth toward the south. Many travelers were on the road. Coming from every direction families were seen going to the towns and cities from which their families had come. As they passed along the way the first day's journey many new travelers fell into line. On the second day's journey no doubt many dropped out coming to the city of their birthplace. Many were also added to the caravan from day to day. They passed thru toward the south. Many places of famous battles and victories were passed thru. Joseph being thoroughly acquainted with the history of his people, as he led the little donkey along, kept Mary interested in telling her of the victories won by their people. This road led thru Samaria and over the hills of Judea into Jerusalem. From Jerusalem Joseph and Mary went further south until they came to Bethlehem. When they reached Bethlehem they found that it was swarming with people who belonged as they did to the city where David was born. From every part of the land these people had come. They had filled the rooms of the lodging places until there was no place left inside the houses. Joseph finally secured a place in a manger where the stock were kept, and during their stay at Bethlehem the days of Mary were accomplished and Jesus was born. Wrapping Him in soft linen cloths they laid Him in a manger.

This was a semi-tropical country and the shepherds were in the field by night watching their flocks. The sheep and cattle raisers, especially the sheep raisers of that country, had two watches, one by day and one by night. While these shepherds watched their flocks no doubt they were joyous and happy people. Suddenly there came a great light shining round about them. Possibly some of the scholars of the Bible were aware of the sacredness of this little city. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2. This prophecy came seven hundred and ten years before the birth of Jesus. Bethlehem was called the city of David. This is where the famous Ruth lived with her second husband, Boaz. It is noticeable that from her new home she could view the mountains of Moab, her native land. David was a direct descendant from Ruth, and Joseph and Mary were descendants from David and this was the main cause for them going back to Bethlehem. God had not forgotten His promise to Mary and it was here according to His will and purpose that our Savior was born on this wonderful night. These shepherds watching their flock by night no doubt were descendants of this wonderful Ruth. If you remember David in his early life was a shepherd boy in this same place, and he seemed to acquire the great blessings of God, skill and favor accompanied him all the way, and he was able by God's help to do many wonderful things that brought honor and glory to God and blessings to his people.

It was a wonderful message given to the shepherds as they eagerly listened to the words from the angels saying to them, "There is born in the city of David, a Savior." As they listened to these words from the angels they heard the sweet music from Heaven. They were singing Heaven's glad songs, giving glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men. At this same time in the far away East in Judah there lived some wise men who studied the stars. One night they discovered a new star in the sky, one that they had never seen before. They were students of prophecy and God caused them to know by this star that the Christ, the promised King of the Jews, had been

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"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

REMEMBER! No Evangel Xmas Week, Dec. 26
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Silent night, Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin
Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender
and mild, Sleep in
heavenly peace. Sleep
in heavenly peace

Silent night, Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the
sight, Glories stream
From heaven afar
Heavenly sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is
born, Christ the
Saviour, is born

CHRISTMAS



PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

Knows God Answers Prayers

LINDALE, Ga.—I feel it my duty to write a few lines praising the dear Lord for what He has done in my home. He has saved, sanctified and filled my husband and me with the sweet Holy Ghost and also saved my thirteen year old daughter. I also praise Him for His wonderful healing power. He wonderfully healed my eighteen months old baby of sores and blood boils.

I praise Him today because I know He will hear and answer our prayers when He sees fit. Dear friends, if everybody would read the Holy Bible more, surely they could understand. According to the Bible it won't be long until Jesus comes and praise His dear name "I want to be in the number when the saints go marching in." I once thought when I was a sinner that I could wait until death was upon me and then ask Jesus to save and sanctify me but God showed me that I was wrong. I would have to live holy and above sin to enter the portals of heaven and I'm praising His dear name today for showing me that light that I may walk in the highway of holiness until He calls for me.

I praise Him for His mighty healing power. He healed my body of something. I don't know what it was. The doctor told me I could not live long that I had high blood pressure, but thank the dear Lord I am ready to meet Him when He calls for me.

Dear friends, if you will read the book of Revelation it will encourage you to keep up the battle for Jesus and bear His cross more faithfully. I thank the Lord for showing me my place in the great Church of God. I want every one who reads this to pray for me and my family that we may stand true to Jesus and follow Him all the way.—A sister and brother in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swindle.

The Lord is Still Working in Mississippi

McCALL CREEK, Miss.—I will try to write a brief report of our meeting which began Nov. 1 and ran two weeks. Brother Earl Brewer and wife were in charge. There were six saved, eight sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost and two came into the church. The saints were drawn closer together. Sinners that had never believed saw the light. Some that said they would never come again came out and admitted they saw the light but there were only three new seekers and two of them received the blessing and the other was sanctified. There was the best order during this meeting that has been during any meeting we have ever had. People just sat and drank the good Word as it was given out. They would sit and cry as the Lord would plead with them but they would not give up. We are looking forth for the time to come when it will bring forth the good fruit.

We thank the Lord for the meeting. We also thank Him for giving us our pastor, Brother O. L. McManus, back. He has been so faithful in serving the church. I have been in this way over ten years. Saints pray for me to live true to Jesus and raise my two little girls up to be true Christians! Also pray for our church to rise and shine.—A sister in Christ, Rosa Hartzog.

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MORE ABOUT JESUS

R. P. Johnson, Editor and Publisher
Different writers have prepared their Christmas messages, and each of them seem to fill a place that the other left vacant, and yet all of them could not tell all that there is to be told about the Babe of Bethlehem. So I find a place to edge in my Christmas message. The announcement of the birth of a babe is such an ordinary one that only a very few ever attract any notice. But babes differ as much as men, and as this announcement was made, those who heard were attracted, not because the angel announced a birth, but because the one born was a Savior, which is Christ Jesus the Lord. As stated above, few babes attract but little attention, and I guess the reason is because we fail to see that babes are bundles of possibilities. We fail to see that every soul from the king on his throne to the laborer in the ditch, the president, judge, preacher, prophet, lawyer, physician, the banker, the merchant, the teacher, and toiler, are all made possible because babes are born. And when babes are born no more men will soon disappear. (I say that babes are bundles of possibilities.)

In the small acorn there is a possibility of a great oak. In the one grain of wheat there is a possibility of barrels of flour. There is a possibility of enough fire in the head of a tiny match to burn a city to ashes in a few hours. Many a heart has been torn and broken by a little word harshly spoken. And multitudes of other small things hold possibilities beyond our imagination. So with babes, the rise and fall of individuals and nations have been and are yet possible because of the birth of babes. Science with all of its program and advancement has to return to the side of some cradle and bow its proud head in honor to some babe, acknowledging that all this advancement was made possible because some boy or girl was born. Every modern invention and all of the comforts that we are enjoying were made possible only through childhood. And when babes become undesirable, their care, protection and comfort a burden, and their presence offensive to you, I would ask you to visit with me the outskirts of a small village, stop, listen, heaven's broadcast is on the air. The angels have staged a jubilee, now the stars have joined in and the grand parade is on. Where to, some ask? To Jerusalem, another replies. NO, NO, not to Jerusalem, but to the outskirts of Bethlehem. Listen, listen, O listen! Heaven's choir is singing.

Now turn your eyes toward the skies, God's star is coming down. No one be sad, but all be glad, is the message to all around. Oh what a thrill! The star stands still, no one feels any danger. Shout, if you can, for the Savior of man lies there in a manger.

Draw near, come nigh, all ye that despise the thought and block the way of childhood. LOOK, LOOK, and then LOOK again! Step up close, bend your head and look into the face of infancy, stand there until you experience the love of childhood sweep thru your heart. For even the salvation of your soul was made POSSIBLE thru Mary's Babe, God's Son.

I would like to walk about the barnyard, I would like to see the humble
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THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."
2 Cor. 9:15

F. W. Lemons

The old, old story of God's unspeakable gift to men will again be retold within the next few days in the churches throughout Christendom. It will be heard at the fireside of homes in every land. Godly parents will once more tell their children of the advent of the Babe of Bethlehem whose birth was heralded by angels. By means of the radio many of the heathen children across the seas may for the first time hear this sweetest story ever told, and at this crowning event of the year to every true disciple of the Lord—the birthday of our King—we rejoice that Christ is preached. How wonderful the story is to us! Since earliest childhood we have heard it over and over, and yet with what eagerness we listen to it again! With what anxiety we peruse those lines of Holy Writ that tell us of God's great gift to us! And how our souls are thrilled by the carols of His coming on that holy night!

There can be no end to stories. We hear them in the streets and read them from the press, but generally no one wishes to hear the same story twice. But the story of God's unspeakable gift is ever new. We tell it in our homes to our children and our friends; our ministers rehearse it in the churches, but it never loses its charm to us. No other story is more simple, yet none is so sublime and touching. Others may be older, yet none has made a sensation as strong and as generally felt, whose influence has remained the same after nineteen centuries, as this concerning the Babe of Bethlehem.

When a king visits another country he is received with illustrious ceremony, but it seems that when Jesus came very few were expecting Him. In their selfish ambition they had overlooked the prophecies concerning His appearing, and only a few were expecting Him. But in spite of the fact that the unexpected world was not prepared to greet Him with the honors due a king, no other visitor ever enjoyed the distinction given Him. True to their Creator's purpose and design the stars have kept their watch by night since flung into space

by the hand that doeth all things well. Kings have come and gone, empires have arisen and fallen and the stars shine on unaffected by the fate of men and nations, but at the approaching of our King another star, an honorary one was sent to keep watch over the little town of Bethlehem, to announce to the wise men the appearing of the hope of all nations, and to guide them to His humble bed.

Sometimes when kings and queens are born, we are told, they are welcomed by the booming of a cannon or the ringing of bells, but a choir of the heavenly host came and sang their sweetest song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," when the little Babe Jesus was born. Imagine the joyful surprise of those godly shepherds, huddling about their campfire, keeping watch over their flocks on that eventful night. The glory of the Lord shone round about them so that the whole place was alight and the angel of the Lord appeared with the most blessed announcement this sin-defiled, storm-torn, tempest tossed, godless world has ever heard—the announcement of God's unspeakable gift. Hear it! "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord, and this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Immediately after the angels had departed the shepherds went into Bethlehem to verify the angels' story, and found Joseph and Mary, and the Babe lying in a manger. He had come to a humble place. How very strange to us is the amazing fact that there was no better place for the reception of the world's Redeemer, especially when we think of the glory He had with the Father in the Eternal World before He chose to visit men. The angels had worshipped Him, and He was
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CHRISTMAS

By E. C. Clark

At this time of the year we always welcome the approach of Christmas, not only the day, but the spirit of Christmas itself as it settles down upon us everywhere, bringing us back to the memories of Christ and the origin of our religious founder. It would, however, be unfair to simply write about Christmas as a time of festivity, and not to especially mention some of the uncertainties of the day itself. This to many might not differ but to the more anxious inquirer it is the vital foundation upon which the authority of the day rests.

THE ORIGIN OF THE DAY

Of this no one can be certain. There are many surrounding incongruities and uncertainties about the very day itself, as well as to the time of its beginning. The day itself, by name, means Christmas, or the mass of Christ which immediately connects it with some great religious festival. But certainly the obscure and unnoticed birth of Jesus out in the stable, where he was born and laid in a manger, was not then celebrated as a festival. The first mention of the 25th of December as the birthday of Christ was by Theophilus of Antioch, in 171-183, A. D., and is otherwise unknown and possibly spurious. The next mention of the 25th of December as Christmas is in Hippolytus. Jesus, he says, was born in Bethlehem on the 25th day of December in the 42nd year of Augustus. This reference is also accused of being interpolated, or corrupted. Nor does he mention any feast in connection with the birthday of Christ, which was certainly not orthodox in that day and age.

"As late as 245 Origen, in his eighth homily on Leviticus, repudiates as sinful the very idea of keeping the birthday of Christ as if he were a king Pharaoh." "The first certain mention of the 25th of December is in a Latin chronographer of A. D. 354, first published by Mommsen; but here he again mentions no feast. There were, however, according to history, many speculations in the second century concerning the birthday of Christ. "Clement of Alexandria, towards its close, mentions several such, and condemns them as superstitious." It is certain that from history there were many different ideas about the date of the birth of Christ. It is equally certain that there were many days set for the supposed date itself.

ITS LEGAL ADOPTION

"Chrysostom, in a sermon preached at Antioch on Dec. 20, 386 or 388, says that some held the feast of Dec. 25th to have been held in the West, from Thrace as far as Cadiz, from the beginning. It certainly, says the Britannica, originated in the West, but spread quickly eastwards. "In 353-361 it was observed at the court of Constantius. Basil of Caesarea (died 379) adopted it. Honorius, Emperor (395-423) in the West, informed his mother and brother Arcadius (395-408) in Byzantium of how the new feast was kept in Rome."

"They adopted it, and recommended it to Chrysostom, who had long been in favor of it. Epiphanius of Crete was won over to it, as was also the other three patriarchs, Theophilus of Alexandria, John of Jerusalem, Flavian of Antioch. This was under Anastasius, 398-408." "The new feast was communicated by Proclus, patriarch of Constantinople (434-446), to Sahak, Catholicos of Armenia, about 440." The Armenians after having kept it for a
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Man's Reception Of Heaven's Heralded King

No Room in the Inn

Sam C. Perry

On the first Christmas morning, Christ the Prince of Glory, came to His own, and they received Him not; there was no place for Him but a manger, homes and comforts were closed to Him. It was a cold, heartless, selfish, uncongenial world to which He came.

"The world is rushing on in mad frivolity, With room and time for all besides, But none, O Lord, for thee."

Even His own people were not looking for Him, they could have known of His coming and been pressed with honors for Him at His birth, if they had cared to. Their hearts were centered on other things, their pleasures came from other sources. When the shepherds announced the wonderful visit of the angels to them, and their unusual message, which was attended by the heavenly choir, telling of the coming of the Savior, whose advent meant great blessing and joy to all people, few seemed interested or enthused at such tidings.

Under ordinary conditions it would seem that such a visit, with such attendants, and such a message and with such a demonstration, would stir the whole country around, but it did not. We sometimes think that was an awful thing, but it is not really very different today. How few are truly thinking about Jesus now. We welcome Christmas with all its festivities, gifts and merriment, but if we have no room in our hearts for Christ, of what value is all this outward ado and display? Jesus alone is the light of the world. Is the light and cheer which Jesus brings to earth such, then, that we can appreciate it and enjoy it, and yet leave the Christ Himself out of our hearts? What a selfish world is this in which we live! Men desire all that the Christ can give to them, but Him they do not want.

"Imperious Mommom claim:
All things on earth below;
No heavenly stamp our sins must bear,
No Christ our Christmas know.

The songs our children sing
Must find a lower key;
And Bethlehem's Babe no place be given
Upon their Christmas tree."

"No room in the inn." Who today would refuse the blessed Savior room, who? Those who will not come out boldly and worship Him, receiving Him into their hearts and lives. Some think they will receive Him later. Procrastination, that thief of time, steals away their good intentions, and they never do. Others see no immediate need of the Savior, and never admit Him. Still others are waiting for a convenient season, a time when it will suit them best, but the great majority of people today never find time or room for Jesus. They are as guilty as those who sent Joseph and Mary to the stable for entertainment on that first memorable Christmas night.

"But from those warders stern
I hear the words given,
"For those who had no room for Christ
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JESUS A SAVIOR TO ALL

All People Must Hear the Good Tiding Of Great Joy

J. P. Hughes

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10, 11.

As the Christmas season approaches and we commemorate the event of Christ's coming as the Savior of men, our hearts should burn with a fiery zeal for the mission cause. Let us remember that the message of "good tidings" was to all people, therefore we must publish it to all the world. The gospel is "good tidings" and we could not bestow a greater gift upon any people. Jesus came in a time of great need and to all needy people, therefore our gifts should be to those who are in need and no people are so needy as those who do not know Christ and the fullness of His gospel.

Of course it is pleasant to present gifts to our friends, but we do not give them a Christmas present because they are in need, but because it is a custom. If every one will lay aside as much money for the mission cause as they spend for presents to give their kindred and friends, we could put the gospel in many places where they do not know Jesus as their Savior. Just think of the thousands of people who have never heard of Jesus, and Paul said, "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" If we could send some preacher to a country where they do not have the full gospel, it would be the greatest gift we could bestow upon them. That would be giving to the needy in a time of need. There has never been a

time when the need of the gospel was so great as it is today. The end of the age is fast approaching and doubtless there will be many souls perish who would have believed if they could have heard the message of "good tidings."

"Peace on earth, and good will toward men" was the tenor of the angelic song at the first celebration of Christ's birthday. God sent His Son to bring peace on earth and only those who hear and believe can have this peace. The world is in turmoil for want of the gospel of peace, and the limited time we have to publish the glad tidings describes the need of the hour. The nations are crying peace, nevertheless confusion is realized everywhere. The people want peace but do not know where to find it, and that places them in a very dangerous predicament. If they do not get the peace of God in their hearts thru the gospel, they will accept a counterfeit peace offered them by the "man of sin." Daniel's vision of the Gentile world power shows that when it has reached the climax, a king shall stand up and by peace shall destroy many. Of course we understand that real peace does not destroy, therefore it is counterfeit peace by which many will be destroyed when this king who can be none other than the Antichrist shall stand up.

As we celebrate the event that brought the heavenly choir down to sing the anthem of peace to the weary shepherds, let us not forget the need of those who do not know the way of peace. If we do not present Christ to them, they will accept the
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Christmas, Christmas, Christmas, celebrated birthday of the Savior!
So don't forget the One who made this day to receive its present favor;
He was the greatest Missionary we know,
Dear brother and sister, to Him let us some gift bestow;
Wise men of His day gave gifts to Him there,
Be wise, give to the Church of God missions to help His Spirit everywhere.

IN LITTLE BETHLEHEM

Pauline Jackson

When everything in stillness lay
And scarce a sound was heard
Our Father sent the angels down
To bring the shepherds word
That Jesus Christ our blessed Lord,
God's precious diadem,
Was born the Savior of the world
In little Bethlehem.

The angels sang O, sweetly sang
In melody and mirth
Out in the fields that blessed night,
"Good will toward man on earth!"
The shepherds heard that sacred song
From heaven's holy band
As in the stillness of the night
It floated o'er the land.

And yet today we love to tell
The story of our King,
'Tis old and new and ever sweet
And has a sacred ring
Which thrills our hearts
And stirs our souls
And draws us nearer to God,
And plants our feet within the way
The holy Master trod.

MEMORIES OF MOTHER

Florence H. Loving

As the Christmas time approaches
And the skies are gray and clear,
It carries me back to childhood
And the ones I loved so dear.

Oh! how the memories linger
Of the days of long ago,
When we were young together
And how I loved you so.

Do I love you less I wonder,
Or has time just changed the scene?
That we are so separated,
It all seems like a dream.

No, I am sure I am not dreaming
For I love you as of old,
It will be but a few short years
That both our bodies will be but clay.

But I hope that our spirits
May be taken home above,
Where we can be together
And can taste the Savior's love.

Only faintly now I see Him,
There is a misty veil between,
But some day I hope to know Him
Where He will reign with love supreme.

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The Lord Has Been So Good to Us

I praise the dear Lord for full and free salvation. I thank Him for being so good to us and for the souls He has given us here. I praise Him for the new fields He has given us to work this year. He has blessed us so much. Many are looking this way. I have been preaching about four years. I praise Him for His anointing power. I want to do more and be loyal in paying my tithes and everything. I want to go where the Lord wants me this year.—Your brother in Christ, Tom Pearson, Pikeville, Tenn., pastor of the Mt. Zion church.

The Story of the Wonder Babe's Birth

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born. These wise men feared God and they wished to see the child whom He had sent to be a Savior of the world. They lived far away from Jerusalem and being very rich they loaded their camels and set out across the desert to see this wonderful baby. They expected to find the people in Palestine and all the inhabitants of that land rejoicing with the king over God's great blessing to them in a Savior and King. (The Scriptures do not teach that Jesus is King of the Church but He did come and offer Himself as King of the Jews. He is called the head of the Church and the Savior of the body but when He comes to reign He will come as a King, therefore, He is called the King of the Jews.)

For many days these wise men traveled across the sandy desert, at last they came to the fertile land where the Jews lived. They hurried to the city of Jerusalem expecting to find this child with all Jerusalem worshipping Him, but to their surprise the king did not seem to know, neither the emperors nor the prophets, anything about the birth of this child. Herod was greatly surprised and called the prophets together to ask them where Jesus should be born and they said, In Bethlehem of Judah, quoting Micah 5:2. Herod appeared to be pleased and told the wise men to go and find the young child and when they had found Him to bring word that He should go and worship Him also. These wise men were no doubt disappointed to find that this wonderful birth had not been revealed to the supposed king, but if you remember, the Jews had lost their national standing and were under Roman authority and this emperor was appointed by the king of Rome. But we do feel thankful that God had a real people, the humble shepherds of the hillsides, to whom He could reveal the birth of His Son the Savior of the world. Also these wise men were true worshippers of God and in their wisdom and knowledge of God's dealings with His people God could reveal to them by the appearance of a star the birth of the blessed Christ.

These wise men hurried from the king's palace. No doubt nightfall was

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MISSION ARTICLE

GIVE GOOD GIFTS

You can find no better gift than a nice Bible, Testament or some other good book that honors Christ.

MORE ABOUT JESUS

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beast (whether an ass or an ox) that would give up his warm bed and vacate his room in honor to motherhood and in appreciation of childhood, walking out in humble submission to Him who works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Not only was all things possible in this Babe, but all the assurance that sinful men needed was in Him, and this assurance so full that it was to all people. And while many and great things had been possible through other babes, yet their usefulness and ministry was limited. But this Babe's power and ministry knew no limit. He was and did bring God down to men and men up to God. He took and will take men out of sin, and sin out of men. He alone made it possible for men to know their God and to know Him in that sense that should send a thrill through every child, and that is that we may know Him as our Father.

HELD THE KEY

The Babe of Bethlehem held the key to the life of man and the death of sin, in His hands was committed the solution of the many problems that distress humanity. The pater of His infant feet (the same feet that Mary anointed) was the prophecy and forerunner of the divine ordered course of thirty years later when He walked with steady step and conqueror's tread right into the heart of humanity's needs, and declared that, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18, 19.

Then Christianity started on its world-wide march, sending wave after wave of gladness, and billow after billow of joy surging around the world. Song writers caught the spirit of the angel, and not only do we hear song and melody gushing out from Bethlehem's rocky ridges, but mighty waves of praise are dashing against the shores of every known land. JOY, JOY, JOY, was the initial note of the Gospel and the keynote of all its music. And this is the song that we now sing, for He is the same today, and never did the world need it more than it does today. Sin through men has wrought ruin, shed blood and tears until we can hear the sobbing from sad hearts, see the peace broken between man and man, nation and nation, until earth is almost ready to put on mourning. NOW ALL TOGETHER, SINGING A SONG OF JOY, EVEN OF GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL UNTO MEN. Amen.

The Unspeakable Gift

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humbled to the estate of man—a little lower than the angels.

Some have pictured a beautiful barn as the place of the nativity, but authentic writers tell us that it was a common stall where domestic animals were kept, and certainly without the comforts of a cozy home where kings are most often born. But never was a place more hallowed or more highly honored than the roof that gave Him shelter, and that very night it became a shrine of worship. Why should the Son of God be there? True to His mission He accepted the place of lowly birth, for He came not to receive favors at the hands of men, "not to be ministered unto but to minister." His presence in the stall gave it the sacredness of the temple. The shepherds worshipped there and were the first to spread abroad the good news of God's great gift so that many others came also to see and worship Him. Wise men from the East directed by the star, came to the humble shrine and fell down and worshipped Him, opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. To those wise men He was more than a king of the Jews. He was King of kings; He was God's special gift to the race of men and they worshipped Him as such.

This world had long been poor. The mountains contained vast treasures of gold, silver, and precious stones, the world was poor. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9. To make us rich required a gift from God. John 3:16. He gave us Jesus!

God gave us redemption by giving us Jesus. His gift included all that men would ever need. He came that we might have life more abundantly; that the richest and the poorest, the basest and vilest might find deliverance from all sin and become partakers of the divine nature. If we need peace, He is our peace, the Prince of peace. If we are naturally incomplete, we may be complete in Him. What a wonderful gift that satisfies our every need! Jesus was the world's first and greatest Christmas gift, a token of God's love. He came to learn of our estate experimentally; to live like common men; to know the galling yoke of poverty; to sympathize with toil-bent, care-worn men. He came to learn of our sorrows, to become acquainted with our grief, pains and sickness—in short, to see and experience all the ills of the human family, and knowing all to become the cure.

To have told us of a better life thru the ministry of angels would have been a blessing indeed to a world altogether undeserving, but God has done exceedingly more than that for us. He "hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." Heb. 1:1, 2. This is grace in the highest degree. His Son not only came and preached to us the Kingdom of God and how to enter the Kingdom, but became the perfect pattern to show us how. Under all conditions, favorable and otherwise, He has shown us how to live as conquerors, and perfected the plan that enables us to do so. The Bible tells us of His fidelity to His friends and His love for His enemies—sometimes weeping over His rejectors and praying for their forgiveness. When His enemies reviled Him He reviled not again. When falsely accused He opened not His mouth. When He rebuked the proud Pharisees He always wept—loathed their hypocrisy but loved them. If any one doubts that Jesus loved the world, let him select the deeds of one day of His life while here and consider the fine spirit of His ministry of sacrifice for others.

Notwithstanding all the noble acts of His brief ministry, the climax of His earthly career was reached amidst the dark, gloomy, ignominious scenes of Calvary. His life, and ministry especially, was full of miracles and good deeds, but these are all eclipsed by His death on a cross. The loving heart that had palpitated with the feelings of the world's infirmities actually broke on Calvary. It seems that love finds expression in suffering. It was not the result of the hasty, frenzied, mock trial by wicked men that sent Him to the cross but the burning love within His own bosom and the bosom of the Father that had been there since the foundation of the world. The act was purely one of love, to cure us of our sin disease and reconcile the world to God. He was the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8. "I lay down my life that I might take it up again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." John 10:17, 18. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

At this happy season of the year when the spirit of giving is at its highest pitch, when almost every one who is able will be giving and receiving, let the world therefore remember and unite in thanksgiving "unto God for His unspeakable gift." Let the angels' chorus be sung again, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Let us rejoice that the Babe of Bethlehem who grew to be a man and died now lives, that He "ever liveth" to make intercession for us. Oh, that the whole world might know the real Christmas spirit—that it does not consist in the number of gifts we receive or give. May we worship Him with the same true, simple spirit of devotion and gratitude that the shepherds and wise men did beside His manger cradle in the stall on that memorable night of nights 1931 years ago.

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

CHRISTMAS

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period of about 30 years, abandoned it. "As early as 400 in Rome an imperial rescript includes Christmas among the other three feasts on which theaters must be closed. The other two feasts were Easter and Epiphany. Epiphany and Christmas were not made judicial until 534. In Great Britain the 25th of December was a festival long before their conversion to Christianity. In 1644 the English Puritans forbade any merriment of religious services by act of parliament. Outside of Teutonic countries Christmas presents are unknown.

PRESENT DAY OBSERVANCE

Like all other important days, that have come down to us from our forefathers or older civilization, Christmas has a very sacred memory among us as well as stimulating certain morals and spiritual blessings by the memory of the day itself. Its purpose of observation is to ever hold before us the fact of our coming Redeemer to earth. This moral is in some sense of great value, especially in these days of ridicule and unbelief. The spiritual significance is however, of a more signal and vast importance. Whether we are keeping the proper day or not, we are remembering the fact of the first appearance into the earth of the Savior of mankind. Its historical fact, both by the way of inspired account in the Holy Writ, as well as in our ancient histories do themselves ever hold before a disputing and God rejecting generation, the very fact that a Savior was born and has died for the sinful human race. The observance of Christmas Day, not only commemorates the birth of our Savior, but it especially enriches our memories concerning God's love gift unto mankind.

GOD'S LOVE GIFT

Not apart from Jno. 3:16, may we consider the birth of Jesus. The manifestation of Christ in the earth is but the fulfillment of God's promises and love. It is therefore the day that commemorates the greatest gift that man has ever received, its extraordinary and unspeakable, priceless value, does but tell us of such appropriate and unbounded love of God.

It is not a day to be much set by with revelry, nor is it a day of hu-

man extravagance and pomp; but is one of deepest and most earnest thought and care among God's people and those who care. It should be carefully guarded against vain pomp and show. It is a time to remember the needy and the distressed ones. The quality of God's gift was to supply the dire need of the human race. If we in remembrance of Jesus and in His name, go about a ministry of gifts unto others, it may become of great value and praise unto God.

THE MANNER OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

After long weary years of waiting, after the prophets had through centuries afforded the food of faith by their inspired utterances, Jesus came. With Israel scattered among the Gentiles, Judah under the yoke of Gentile domination, crushed out of her national life and promises, whose kingdom had fallen into decay, Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Bethlehem carries with it a very striking and broad definition. It means "house of bread." From the City of David where as a successor to the throne of David He came, finally, as it is written, "Thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler of Israel." Bethlehem, or "house of bread," tells of Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Ephratah means "fruitful" and tells or speaks of the fruitfulness of the coming Prince of Israel. God's love gift was a token to mark with sacred memories the fact, both of His ever present love and the future coming of Jesus to sit upon the throne of Israel. Love that had long been held back from its fuller revelation did but burst afresh with new anxieties and manifestation in the birth of Jesus. The shepherds rejoiced at the announcement of the birth of Jesus. The proclamation of the angels was ample and broad.

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people." Israel scattered, Judah in captivity, the Gentiles "without hope and without God" could welcome such a message: "Glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." No respect of persons, no picky few, but broad, rich, providing love from the tender heart of a loving heavenly Father is here portrayed and announced. No wonder the shepherds rejoiced. Such exclamation as "peace on earth and good will toward men" would afford the luxury of rejoicing.

THE VISIT AND ADORATION OF THE MAGI

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship him." Jesus was visited, worshipped and enjoyed by the wise men; they presented Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. He is no less admired and loved by many of the world's wisest men today.

From the humble stable as His birthplace, from the despised and little city of Nazareth He grew in favor with God and man, met the cold slough of the religious Pharisees, defeated Satan and all his forces, gathered a few faithful followers and then paid the price of our redemption on the cross of Calvary. Swallowed by death and the grave He was ransomed by God and our Father, communicated His last messages of love to His very own and then committed to them His trust; lifted His hands and blessed them and then departed out of their sight; sent an echo from heaven saying, "I am he that was dead but I am alive forevermore." "Because I live ye shall live also. Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast, that no man take thy crown." "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY

J. H. Hill

"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

We see many people today who like the seventy were, when they can't get things to go to suit them, and the cross gets heavy, they will go the way they like best. The seventy walked no more with the blessed Son of God. Some today walked with the Church of God a long time and then went back and are not walking with her any more.

Luke 9:49, 50, says, "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us." So we see this one that John saw casting out devils in Jesus' name was one of the seventy for we don't read of the rest at this time knowing anything about the casting out of devils. How is it today? Many are not walking with the Church of God. The Church of God stands the same before the people as the Lord stood and talked to them. The Word says, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 2:28.

We haven't any time to take up with those who have left the Church. We

Divine Healing

Believes In Divine Healing

PARKIN, Ark.—I am still praising the Lord for what He has done for me and my home. One of my little boys was sick about three weeks. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to it thru the Evangel. I believe the Lord has led me here to this place to find the Church of God. I am still praising Him for ever taking me out of sin and saving and sanctifying me. I want all the saints to pray for me that I will receive the sweet Holy Ghost. My little boy was healed one week and yesterday he had another chill. Please pray for him. The Lord has done some wonderful healings in my home and I am still trusting Him. My mother has a cancer in her mouth. She is seventy-two years old and she doesn't trust God but I know He is able to heal. Pray for her soul. She is very sick now. Pray for me that I will do the will of the Lord.—Your sister, Lila Archer.

Instantly Healed

SAMOSSET, Fla.—I want to praise the dear Lord this morning for what He is to me. I want to praise God for healing me many times. I went to church Sunday morning and I felt as good as I ever did. I went back home and before I could get dinner on the table I was down in my back. I went back to church that night but I could hardly straighten. I had the saints to pray for me but I did not seem to get any better. I could not get down on my knees to pray so I sat up. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify thru the Evangel. Bless His name He healed me. I straightened right then. Friends, I have never been healed so quickly in my life. Oh, I love the Lord this morning. He has been so good to me. I thank the dear Lord for what He has done in my home. I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. My husband is not saved but he has been seeking the Lord. Everything has changed in my house. I don't smell strong drinks or hear bad language anymore. I give God all the praise.

I want everyone who reads this to please remember my husband in prayer. Pray that God will give him the blessing and that I will always be found doing the Lord's will until He comes or calls for me.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Mattie Clough.

Trusts in the Lord For Healing

WILSONDALE, W. Va.—I praise the Lord this morning for His healing power. I promised God I would testify thru the Evangel if He would heal my little granddaughter. She lay sick three or four months with dysentery. I sent a handkerchief to Brother C. L. Jackson of Columbia, S. C. to be anointed and she was better before it returned. I give God all the praise.

I ask all who read this to pray that God will use me to His glory.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Richard Evans.

Enjoys Reading The Evangel

I am praising God this morning for what He is to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire and keeps me here in this world free and separate from sin and condemnation, bless His dear name. I have been afflicted two years. Three weeks ago the blessed Lord touched my body and healed me. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify thru the Evangel, a paper I dearly love. I have been a subscriber for fourteen years and don't want to be without it.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. R. F. Golden, 314 Baker Ave., New Albany, Miss.

New Church Set In Order In Georgia

CEDAR VALLEY, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord today for His many blessings and how He has heard and answered prayer. About Nov. 14, Brother Jess Green and wife began a meeting at Brother and Sister Manis' home where we had been having prayer meeting every Saturday night for some time. The Lord blessed wonderfully. About twelve received the Holy Ghost and two were sanctified. Many more saw the light on the Church of God. On Sunday evening before the meeting closed Brother Nix from near Calhoun, Ga. was with us and set a church in order with fourteen members and more to come in later. We thank the Lord for sending Brother Green and wife out to help us, also Brother Nix and the dear saints from Springplace and Dalton. We trust that God will send them back again. Pray much for the church that God will bless every one and that we will lift a high standard for the Lord. Pray also for God to help us get a church building. If God is for us who can be against us?—A sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Alice M. Hawkins, Dalton, Ga., Rt. 6.

want to follow the Church of God. If Peter had no where else to go, where are you going? We are looking for Jesus' soon coming, so let's be ready, waiting and watching.

NOTICES & REQUESTS

Don't fail to get a copy of the "The Lighted Pathway" for January. This is the New Year issue and you will miss something good if you miss this one. It will have your New Year lesson in it which will be fine for your watch night service. Send in at once and have your order in by the time the paper is ready so you will get it in time for your program. This issue will be ready for you by Dec. 22. Subscription price \$1.00 per year, or 10c per copy. Send all orders to the editor. —Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

Dear Evangel readers in Virginia: Our State Overseer, L. L. Vaught, is very much in need of a Bible. I think it would be nice for each Church of God to make up at least \$1.00 and send to him for a new Bible as a Christmas gift. I am sure this will be a great blessing. May the Lord help you. Yours in the Master's service, Goldie Hensley, Norton, Va.

The Church of God at 2 S. 10th Ave., Pensacola, Fla., wishes to hear from Brother Otis and Sister Nina Basden by the first week in January, 1932, as to your spiritual welfare and church association. Failure on your part to respond to this appeal will be accounted an act of disloyalty upon which will devolve the duty of the church to take action according to its discretion. —J. F. Sutley, clerk, D. F. Baldree, pastor.

We haven't got the church at Nashville, Ga. built yet but if any Church of God minister will come to Nashville I will see that they get a place to preach as it is now in my district. People surely are wanting to hear the Gospel preached in its fullness for they have not heard it here. The people are accepting the Lord fast. We surely want you to come over and help us. Anybody that will come, come for I have more than I can do. I want you to pray for me and my family that I may know how to take care of the house of God. I want everybody who reads this to please pray for the work and the people here at Nashville, Ga. —Your brother in Christ, J. R. Sanders, Nashville, Ga.

I got a card from a Church of God preacher in Texas asking me to hold a revival thru the winter and at that time I had promise of other help, but they failed me, so I feel that this man could come if I could get in touch with him. I lost his card and forgot his name.

To the brother who wrote me the card about getting the place to hold the revival thru the winter: I failed to get the help which I was depending on so I take this means to try to get in touch with you as I lost your card. I have in charge a tent, seats and a piano so I hope you'll come at once. There is plenty of elbow room in Houston for workers. Make this your daily prayer that the cause will advance. —Your brother in the spirit of Christ, J. L. Hilburn.

REQUESTS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am afflicted in my hip and back and I am in great trouble and much pain. I believe in divine healing. I am trusting God for both soul and body. I want all the people of God who trust God all the way to pray that I may be healed completely if it's God's will. Praise God, I have the good Holy Ghost. Please remember me as I am suffering very much. —Your brother in the Lord, Bethel M. Cantrell, Smithville, Tenn.

Please pray a special prayer for my brother to be healed. He is sick and in a bad condition. He has a sore leg and can't walk. Please pray that the dear Lord will spare his life a little longer here with his little children. He is a saved man. Please pray that the dear Lord will give him more faith. Pray for me and my family, and that the dear Lord will save my husband and children. I have a brother out in sin. Pray for him also. I want to be ready to go when He comes or calls. —A hungry sister, Mrs. Mattie Gleghern, Rt. 3, Box 44 A, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Dear saints, I am asking prayer for my husband. He has been sick for five or six years with stomach trouble. He has gone to the Government Hospital now but every one who knows the worth of prayer please pray that the blessed Lord will heal him. Also pray for my two boys that they will be healed of the whooping cough. I am praising the Lord for what He is to me, for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost. I ask all to pray that I will have more faith and be an overcomer at all times. Pray that our church here will grow. —Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Edward Shoup, 317 N. S. St., Lake Worth, Fla.

Saints everywhere, please pray especially for me. I've been going thru the hardest trial I've ever had and it seems unless the Lord undertakes in some way I just can't make it. It seems I've gone just as far as I can without some help from God. Please pray the Lord will come to my rescue and help me thru this. Also pray that He will answer prayer and make a way for me to go back to church. Pray

for my lost loved ones to be saved. —One who needs prayers and encouragement, Maud Martin, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

I want the saints everywhere to pray for the healing of my husband and for him to get the Holy Ghost. I am afflicted myself and not strong. Pray for me to be healed and that I may get the Holy Ghost. Pray for my daughter that she may be made strong in her body. Pray for all my loved ones to be saved. —Mrs. J. Rome Lee, Fayette, Ala.

I want the saints to pray for my husband and brother that they may be saved before it is too late. —Alice Smith, Belmont, N. C., Rt. 1.

Please pray a special prayer for my grandfather. He has cancers on his face and is in a bad condition. The doctors have given him up and said they could do nothing for him so he has turned to the Lord for help. Please pray that he may be healed. Also pray that he might be saved. —Mrs. Alvin C. Brown, Chokoloskee, Fla.

I want all who read this to pray that my darling little girl's eyes will be healed. Also pray that God will send a good Church of God preacher down here to preach the Word. Pray that God will sanctify and fill me with the Holy Ghost. —Your brother in Jesus' name, Allie I. Lolley, Youngstown, Fla.

I have a husband out in sin somewhere in the world. I want all who read this to pray for him. I don't want an unbroken family in heaven. If anyone sees or hears from him, please let me know. His name is V. M. Rogsdale. —Your sister in Christ, Mrs. V. M. Rogsdale, Summiton, Ala.

Dear saints, I want you to pray for me. I suffer lots with my stomach. Acid of the stomach is what I call it. It pains me severely sometimes. I want every child of God to pray that the Lord will heal me of this trouble. I know the Lord can heal for He has healed me many times. Pray for our little church here at this place. It seems like the devil has got the flock scattered. I want every one to pray that we may get back in unity again. Remember me and my family. —From one who loves the Lord, R. C. Ross, Grant, Va., Rt. 1, Box 21.

Church of God Evangel Family: I am not so well tonight. I have a very bad cold. I hope you all are well and happy and getting along nicely with your work. I am now trying to get out of prison and if it is not asking too much of you all I want you to get together and help me in prayer. I have been in prison for eleven years and I have never given any trouble while here. The boss men seem to like me and are willing to do all they can for me. The best of all I found Jesus after getting into trouble. I have been happy ever since, having a good time rejoicing in the Lord. I am glad to say tonight that He ever saved me by His precious blood. Praise the Lord for this old time religion that saves men from their sins and heals us when we get sick. He has healed me for seven years, bless His name. I love the Church and its teachings. In conclusion I will say I hope to hear from you soon. I covet the prayers of every child of God that I may ever be true to Jesus. May the God of all comfort who has comforted me in all my trouble be with you all now and forever. —An humble brother in Jesus, William T. Thompson, the prisoner, 509 Oscar St., Greenville, S. C.

I thank the Lord this morning for what He has done for me. I am saved, and sanctified and want all the saints to pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost. I once had the blessing but failed to obey the Lord and went back in the world until the Assembly and the Lord took me back. I feel good in my soul this morning and want all the saints to pray that I will press on and obey the Lord at all times. Everybody thought I had T. B. when I was back-slidden but the Lord was only showing me I couldn't disobey Him and get by. I have never felt better in my body than I do this morning and I give the Lord all the praise for coming into my life again and healing my body. Pray that I'll obey the Lord at all cost. —A brother in Christ, M. L. Fricks, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Please pray a special prayer that God will heal my boy. He has something like eczema in his head. It has bothered him about three years. I know God can heal. Please pray. —Mrs. Della Messick, 410 W. 10th St., Snyder, Okla.

Pray for me that I may be reclaimed. I have been saved and sanctified but I wandered away from God as there is no Church of God to go to around here. Pray for my husband to be saved. The devil makes him believe there is no chance for him. Pray for my brothers, sisters and step-father to be saved before it is too late. Pray that there will be a way for us to be in the Church of God services. —One who is wanting the Lord's will to be done, Annie Newby, Ato, Ga.

All who see this please pray for me. I am badly afflicted with stomach and heart trouble and I am putting all my

Deaths

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." —Rev. 14:13.

WILLIAMS

Brother Ernest R. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams of Calhoun, Ga. was born Feb. 19, 1897 and died Nov. 21, 1931, age thirty-four years, nine months, and two days. He was married at the age of twenty-three to Miss Pauline H. Arnold. To this union was born one daughter, Kathleen Oneida, now eleven years of age and one son, Ernest Eugene, nine years of age. They with their mother and grandmother live to mourn their father's death. He also leaves to mourn his departure one brother, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

His death was not only a loss to his family and friends but to the Church of God. He was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost in the year of 1922 after which God called him to the ministry in which he spent the last seven years of his life. Brother Williams has been very successful since I became acquainted with him and made many friends in the state of Virginia. He established the Church of God at Norton, Va. which will be a lasting memory of his faithful service. He will long be remembered by the saints of the Coeburn District of which he was overseer.

The funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by Brothers W. G. Rembert, and H. L. Trim at Glamorgan where he was pastor and the remains were taken (as was his request) to Erwin Hill, Ga. where another service was held. The service was conducted by the writer assisted by Brother Davis, overseer of that district, and Brother McArthur. He now sleeps in the yard of a church he helped to build and which was dear to his heart. —Sent in by one who loved him, Laud L. Vaught, Overseer of Virginia.

MELTON

On Nov. 9, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Jessie Melton and claimed for its victim his loving companion, Sallie Melton, age fifty-two years, six months and thirteen days. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, mother, four children, six grandchildren, one brother, one sister, a mother-in-law and a host of other relatives and friends. She was sick only a week and she suffered much. Her death was caused from a weak heart and pneumonia. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Hawkins of the Methodist Church and her body laid to rest in the Short Mountain Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. —Her niece who loved her, Helen Ferrell.

NIX

On Nov. 22, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nix of Blairsville, Ga. and claimed for its victim little Earsley Lawander Nix, age one year, three months and fourteen days. She was very sweet and loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, one sister, two brothers, one grandfather, one grandmother and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by our pastor, Brother H. L. Knight and her body was laid to rest in the Owtown Cemetery to await the resurrection. —One who loved her, Lena Dyer, Blairsville, Ga., Rt. 1.

FORD

On Friday, Nov. 27, 1931, the death angel visited the home of Brother W. M. Ford and claimed for its victim his loving wife, Sister Ford. She was born June 8, 1882, age forty-nine years, four months and nineteen days. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, two daughters, four grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. She was a member of the Church of God. She had been sick some time and suffered very much. The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Brothers Blackwood and Tapley and her body was laid to rest in the Blossom Cemetery to await the resurrection. —Written by one who loved her, H. N. Bridges, and wife, Ladonia, Tex.

ALEXANDER

On Saturday, Nov. 23, 1931, little Lannan Boyd Alexander, son of L. J. and Annie Alexander, quietly slipped away to be with Jesus. He was four years, four months and eight days old. He was sick only one week. He asked us to pray for him and he knew nothing but Jesus. He leaves a father, mother, one sister, one brother, seven uncles, five aunts and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. He was laid to rest in the Bradford Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. —His mother, Annie Alexander, Grenada, Miss., Rt. 4.

BYERS

On Nov. 17, 1931 the death angel visited our home and took from us our darling little boy. We wonder why we had to give him up so soon but we know Jesus knew best. Little Bryson Julius was only with us two years, three months, and a few days.

trust in Jesus. Also pray that He will give me victory in my soul. —Harry Clutts, Walkertown, Ky.

He was so sweet to us and we loved him so but Jesus loved him best. Little Bryson was only a little bud on earth. —One who loved him, his mother, Lanie Byers, Blacksburg, S. C.

JAMISON

Sister Grace M. Jamison was called away Sept. 20, 1931 to be with Jesus. She was fifty-one years, ten months and seventeen days old. Her husband, W. H. Jamison has been superintendent of the Sunday School at Max Meadows and Sister Jamison worked faithfully with him there. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, mother, brothers, sisters, and other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by C. W. Stewart assisted by the writer at the Newburn Church and her body was laid in the Newburn Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord. —Mrs. W. B. Davis, Jackson Ave., Pulaski, Va.

BROOKSHER

On Dec. 5, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Brother John W. Brooksher of Lenoir City, Tenn. and claimed him for its victim. He was eighty-two years and nineteen days old. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, six sons and one daughter. He received the Holy Ghost eighteen years ago and joined the Church of God at Hiwassee and remained a member there until his death. The church has lost a faithful member. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and his remains were laid to rest in the Lenoir City Cemetery. —W. A. Walker.

HOPKINS

On Nov. 21, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Alex Hopkins of Belton, S. C. and claimed his darling wife, Maude Hopkins, age thirty-six years of age. She was sick only eight days with pneumonia, but suffered greatly. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and united with the Church of God a short time before her death. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, five children, a father, mother, other relatives and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother R. P. Johnson of Cleveland, Tenn. assisted by Brother J. E. Crawford and her body laid to rest in the Belton Cemetery. —One who loved her, Nettie Hanvey, 21 McGee St., Belton, S. C.

BURRON

On Nov. 18, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Sister Millie Burron and claimed her daughter, Tillie May Goodson, age thirteen years, eight months and three days. Tillie May had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the great Church of God. She leaves to mourn her death her mother, father, two sisters, a grandfather, grandmother and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Brother Wolvering and the remains were laid to rest in the Cane Island Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. —One who loved her, Mrs. R. R. Martin, Caraway, Ark., Box 233.

THOMPSON

On Dec. 1, 1931 the dear Lord visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and took their darling baby, little Jackie. She was a little over two years old. She leaves to mourn her death her father, mother, three sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends. —A friend who loved her, Mrs. W. M. Wakler, Coalgood, Ky.

McBROON

On March 9, 1931 the death angel visited the home of my dear sister and claimed her darling child, Florence, and took her home to rest. She was fourteen years, three months and nine days of age. She leaves to mourn her death her father, mother, two sisters, two brothers, a grandmother, grandfather, aunts and uncles. She lived a good Christian life until her death and wore a smile for everyone. She was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord. —Written by her aunt, G. Wedford.

YOUNG

The death angel visited the home of Sister Mary Young on Nov. 11, 1931 and took her dear husband home to be with Jesus. He was born Dec. 24, 1872, age fifty-eight years, ten months and eighteen days. He was a member of the Church of God at Omaha, Ark. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, and a host of friends. —A sister in Jesus, Luttie Ledford, Leachville, Ark.

Jesus A Savior to All
(Continued from page two)

Antichrist. Oh, may the Spirit of Jesus fill our hearts with a burning zeal to carry the gospel to every creature and prove the real spirit of Christmas. It is not a gift of this world's goods that people need, but the presentation of divine truth. The real need of the hour is peace on earth, which means universal peace. This can only be established thru the spread of the gospel for it will take the second coming of Jesus to bring world-wide peace and He cannot come till the gospel is preached in all the world for a witness.

Let us not forget that the missionary spirit is the real spirit of Christmas and be assured that the best gift we could present is that which will bring peace.

A merry Christmas to all. Amen.

NOTICE

Be Sure to Read The MISSION ARTICLE

ORPHANAGE REPORT

ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

S. W. Latimer,

E. J. Boehmer,

I. C. Barrett.

November 1-30

CASH
S. S. Silver Point, Tenn. 25c; S. S. Kannapolis, N. C. \$2.31; S. S. Carmi, Ill. \$3.00; G. W. Hennings, Tarboro, N. C. 75c; S. S. Akron, Ohio, \$4.94; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. \$1.20; S. S. Baltimore, Md. \$3.82; Church, Summiton, Ala. \$1.55; S. S. Greenwood S. C. \$2.23; S. S. Hollidaysburg, Pa. 37c; S. S. Anderson, S. C. \$1.60; S. S. Ft. Green Springs, Fla. \$1.36; S. S. Gaffney, S. C. \$1.09; S. S. Joplin, Mo. 69c; S. S. Hebron, N. Dak. \$1.61; S. S. Lawrenceville, Ill. 48c; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. \$1.58; S. S. Kentwood, La. 91c; S. S. Pensacola, Fla. 71c; S. S. Petersburg, W. Va. \$1.00; S. S. Waltersville, Ky. \$1.45; S. S. Labelle, Fla. \$3.18; S. S. Cliffview, Va. \$1.00; Church, Oxford, Mich. 87c; S. S. Olney, Ill. \$1.66; S. S. Manatee, Fla. \$7.16; Church, Carson Springs, Tenn. 63c; S. S. Wheeler, Tex. \$1.67; S. S. Ree, N. Dak. \$5.83; S. S. Shrewsbury, W. Va. 35c; Mrs. Henry Tyge, Epworth, N. Dak. \$3.32; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, \$8.00; S. S. Walkertown, Ky. \$4.35; S. S. Lillington, N. C. \$1.25; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$2.22; S. S. Broad Creek, N. C. \$1.90; S. S. Lando, S. C. \$1.19; S. S. Gasprilla, Fla. \$1.65; S. S. Bernardsville, N. C. 51c; S. S. Moberlie, Tex. 55c; S. S. Lubbock, Tex. 10c; S. S. Tellico Plains, Tenn. 50c; S. S. St. Luke, Md. 93c; S. S. Eldorado, Md. 64c; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. 63c; S. S. Boynton, Pa. 58c; S. S. Willis Point, Tex. 50c; S. S. Berryton, Ga. \$3.00; S. S. Grand Lodge, Mich. \$1.26; S. S. Archers Fork, Ohio, \$4.42; S. S. Cloplint, Ky. 55c; S. S. Billings, Mont. \$6.32; S. S. Paris, Mich. \$1.29; S. S. Huntington, W. Va. \$2.29; S. S. Roanoke, Va. \$1.30; S. S. Weatherford, Tex. 50c; W. E. McCane, Bauxite, Ark. \$1.00; S. S. Ranger, Tex. \$1.04; S. S. Hattiesburg, Miss. \$3.72; S. S. Barnabas, W. Va. \$1.00; S. S. Electra, Tex. \$1.39; S. S. Dorothy, W. Va. \$1.90; S. S. Ft. Worth, Tex. 45c; S. S. West Frankfort, Ill. \$5.24; S. S. Baldwin Park, Calif. \$1.55; S. S. Rock Hill, Fla. \$2.23; S. S. Boaz, Ala. \$2.90; S. S. Lax (Crown), W. Va. \$1.26; S. S. Savanna Branch, La. 69c; S. S. Fonde, Ky. \$1.49; S. S. Naples, Fla. \$2.85; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$1.45; S. S. Lester, W. Va. 61c; S. S. Bristol, Tenn. \$1.42; S. S. Wahpeton, N. Dak. \$1.36; S. S. Claysville, Pa. \$6.03; Church, Crane Eater, Ga. 30c; S. S. St. Joseph, Mo. 91c; S. S. Fleetwood, Ala. 25c; Church, Ft. Ogden, Fla. 30c; S. S. Slaton, Tex. 13c; S. S. Phenix City, Ala. 40c; S. S. Terrace Fork, N. C. \$1.00; S. S. Mitchell Hill, Ky. \$1.00; Church, Marked Tree, Ark. \$2.08; S. S. Manns Choice, Pa. 65c; S. S. Imboden, Ark. 70c; S. S. Tampa, Fla. \$3.91; S. S. Trinity, Tex. 32c; S. S. Monroe, Va. \$1.05; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. 40c; S. S. Rock Hill, Miss. 34c; S. S. Blythe, Calif. 82c; S. S. Kimberly, Ala. \$3.70; Church, Waycross, Ga. 90c; S. S. Sugar Grove, Ill. \$1.71; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn. 66c; S. S. Walhalla (town), S. C. 57c; S. S. Lafayette, Ga. \$1.94; S. S. Statesville, N. C. \$1.81; S. S. Cross City, Fla. 40c; Church, Charlotte, N. C. 15c; S. S. Chilhowie, Va. \$1.21; S. S. Parkwood, Ala. 16c; S. S. Walhalla

(country), S. C. 77c; S. S. Big Spring, Tex. 30c; S. S. Epston, Md. \$7.39; S. S. LaFrance, S. C. 46c; S. S. Asheville, N. C. \$2.44; S. S. Dillon, S. C. 77c; S. S. Lawton, Okla. \$1.83; S. S. Reading, Pa. \$1.57; S. S. Nocatee, Fla. \$3.12; S. S. Somerset, Pa. \$1.91; Church, Barrett, Minn. \$7.16; Mrs. L. F. White, Emory, Tex. \$1.00; S. S. Sebring, Fla. 97c; Herbert Mackerell, Pittsburg, Pa. \$3.00; Church, Draper, N. C. \$1.10; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, \$1.71; S. S. Bonne Terre, Mo. \$2.08; S. S. Bennedale, Miss. 40c; S. S. Sebeva, Mich. \$1.18; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. \$2.90; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. \$2.12; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. \$1.60; Church, Pulaski, Va. \$1.55; S. S. Boswell, Pa. \$1.44; S. S. Morristown, Tenn. \$4.40; S. S. Columbus, Ohio, 87c; S. S. Seaford, Del. 98c; S. S. Winchester, Ky. 61c; Church, Crisfield, Md. \$6.07; S. S. Dividing Ridge, Tenn. 52c; S. S. Cambridge, Md. \$5.44; S. S. Double Springs, Ala. 83c; S. S. Anderson, N. C. 67c; S. S. Radford, Va. \$3.40; S. S. Owtown, Ga. 39c; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. \$1.93; S. S. Murphy, Okla. 71c; S. S. Clarks Chapel, Tex. \$4.17; S. S. Marion, Va. 25c; S. S. Selma, Ala. \$1.91; S. S. Olustee, Fla. \$6.00; S. S. Shawneetown, Ill. \$1.70; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. \$3.38; S. S. Macon, Ga. 34c; S. S. Chilhowie, Va. 68c; S. S. Kellsyville, W. Va. \$1.34; S. S. Uhrichsville, Ohio, 31c; S. S. Lynch, Ky. \$2.02; S. S. Lannus, Tex. \$1.05; S. S. Carrier Mills, Ill. \$4.50; Church, Campaign, Tenn. \$6.91; S. S. Jacksonville, Fla. \$3.00; Mrs. L. V. Pervey, Natchez, Miss. \$2.00; L. C. Wood, Greenway, Ark. \$2.00; S. S. Plant City, Fla. \$2.52; S. S. Bartow, Fla. 26c; S. S. St. Louis, Mo. \$1.69; S. S. Wilmington, N. C. \$2.80; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. \$1.50; S. S. Gastonia, N. C. \$4.87; S. S. Graves Chapel (Troy), Tenn. \$2.82; I. W. Dobbins, Redford, Va. \$3.97; T. P. Douglas, Arcadia, Fla. (Children's B.T.S. course) \$50.00; S. S. Childs, S. C. \$10.66; S. S. Evans, Ky. \$1.25; S. S. Brunswick, Ga. 16c; S. S. Brunswick, Ga. 40c; S. S. Wesley Chapel, Tex. 24c; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. 92c; Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Chillicothe, Ohio, \$5.00; S. S. Cottageville, W. Va. \$1.25.

CORRECTION: 80c received from S. S. Cliffview, Va. should have appeared in the September report but failed to get in. We are sorry this was overlooked.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. B. Dixon, Gasprilla, Fla., 1 large barrel fish; Mrs. T. J. Looney, Kannapolis, N. C. 1 crepe dress (worn); Church, Ft. Myers, Fla., 1 quilt; Mrs. A. B. Griffith, Ararat, N. C. 1 baby dress (worn), 3-4 yd. outing; Mrs. Lee Wales, Roseland, La., 1 pr. boy's unions; Name unknown, 1 dress (worn); Name unknown, 1 quilt.

NOTE: We have a letter from Mrs. B. L. DuBose, Hazelhurst, Ga. stating that the package which was found at the Auditorium after the Assembly and was listed in the orphanage report last month was from the following: Hazelhurst Church, 1 quilt, 1 pr. pillow cases, 2 pr. pants, 1 dress; Bridgeport Church, 1 quilt top.

Important Questions Answered in this Paper

- No. 1 Which prophet prophesied of the birth of Jesus and how long before?
Ans. Found in article, "The Story of the Wonder Babe's Birth" by S. W. Latimer.
- No. 2 What is the purpose in observing Christmas?
Ans. Found in article, "Christmas" by E. C. Clark.
- No. 3 With what did Jesus become acquainted when He came to earth?
Ans. Found in article, "The Unspeakable Gift" by F. W. Lemons.
- No. 4 What did the first advent of Jesus mean to all people?
Ans. Found in article, "Man's Reception of Heaven's Heralded King" by Sam C. Perry.
- No. 5 What are babes?
Ans. Found in article, "More About Jesus" by R. P. Johnson.
- No. 6 How will God guide us if we keep true to Him?
Ans. Found in article, "The Story of the Wonder Babe's Birth" by S. W. Latimer.
- No. 7 In what should we rejoice?
Ans. Found in article, "The Unspeakable Gift" by F. W. Lemons.
- No. 8 Whom should we remember during Christmas?
Ans. Found in article, "Christmas" by E. C. Clark.
- No. 9 Who are the neediest people?
Ans. Found in Mission Department, article by J. P. Hughes.
- No. 10 What is the hope and only hope of this world?
Ans. Found in article, "Man's Reception of Heaven's Heralded King" by Sam C. Perry.

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